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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Chih-I LIN et al. Confirmation No: 3387
Appl. No. : 10/611,998
Filed : July 3, 2003
Title : FILLING DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR TREATING A
DEFORMED OR DISEASED SPINE

TC/A.U. : 3733
Examiner : D.J. Davis

Docket No.: : LINC3175/REF
Customer No: : 23364

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extend pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for ONE (1) month to September 30, 2006.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a) for a one month extension of time is \$60.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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